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SUBJECT: VIENTIANE FLYING CLUB NOT INVOLVED IN INCIDENT AS
ALLEGED BY BANGKOK POST

1. FRONT-PAGE BANGKOK POST ARTICLE FEBRUARY 18, ENTITLED
"THAI FIGHTERS OPEN FIRE ON INTRUDERS," CONTAINS SEVERAL
INACCURACIES. FIRST, PLANE INVOLVED IN INCIDENT WAS NOT
"CESSNA", BUT PA-18 SUPER CLUB. SECONDLY, PLANE WAS NOT
BEING OPERATED BY VIENTIANE FLYING CLUB.

2. PLANE WAS BEING FLOWN BY LAO NATIONAL WHO IS STUDENT/
TRAINEE FOR ROYAL AIR LAO. (FYI: TRAINEE HAS REPUTATION
FOR "GETTING LOST"; HE APPARENTLY WAS ON RETURN FLIGHT
FROM THE PAKLAY AREA OF LAOS WHEN HE STRAYED OVER THAI
TERRITORY.) ARTICLE IS CORRECT IN ASSERTING THAT PLANE
WAS INTERCEPTED ON FEBRUARY 14 BY THAI MILITARY
AIRCRAFT, AND THAT PLANE MANAGED TO RETURN SAFELY TO
VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT.

3. VIENTIANE FLYING CLUB IS JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED
THAT ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN POST STORY MAY JEOPARD-
IZE ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THAI CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITIES. CLUB OFFICERS STATE THAT THEY HAVE
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OBTAINED APPROVED ROUTES AND LANDING RIGHTS FROM

THAI DIRECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION, AND
THAT CLUB MEMBERS SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOW ALL THAI
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED - WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
PASSING CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE TO THAI CIVIL AND
MILITARY OFFICIALS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.
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